

**152.713 Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship --
Duties -- Membership and duties of board of directors.**

- (1) For purposes of this section, "renewable energy" has the same meaning as in KRS 154.20-400.
- (2) The Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship is hereby created and attached to the Governor's Office of Energy Policy for administrative purposes. The Governor's Office of Energy Policy shall provide consultation, coordination services, technical assistance, and staff support to the board of directors created in subsection (4) of this section, on an as-needed basis, and perform other necessary administrative functions until the center is deemed fully operational. The executive director of the office or his or her designee shall coordinate the development of the center and act as the chair of the board of directors created in subsection (4) of this section until the board is established and is operational.
- (3) The Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship shall:
 - (a) Provide leadership, research, support, and policy development in renewable energy;
 - (b) Advance the goal of renewable energy;
 - (c) Promote technologies, practices, and programs that increase efficiency in energy utilization in homes, businesses, and public buildings;
 - (d) Emphasize energy policies that would result in cost-conscious, responsible development of Kentucky's energy resources and a commitment to environmental quality;
 - (e) Promote partnerships among the state's postsecondary education institutions, private industry, and nonprofit organizations to actively pursue federal research and development resources that are dedicated to renewable energy;
 - (f) Promote the continued development of public-private partnerships dedicated to promoting energy efficiency through education and outreach;
 - (g) Establish research priorities with approval of the board of directors created in subsection (4) of this section, relating to renewable energy, and develop procedures and processes for awarding research grants to eligible recipients as defined by the board and to the extent that funding is available;
 - (h) Collaborate with the Governor's Office of Energy Policy to avoid duplication of efforts, provide appropriate data and information, and support the implementation of Kentucky's comprehensive energy strategy; and
 - (i) Carry out other activities to further the efficient and environmentally responsible use of renewable energy.
- (4) (a) There is hereby created a governing board of directors to provide policy direction, establish a strategic research agenda and operating policies, and provide financial and operational oversight for the Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship. The initial board shall be appointed within sixty (60) days following July 15, 2008.

- (b) The board shall consist of thirteen (13) members:
 - 1. One (1) member to represent the Governor's Office of Energy Policy as designated by its executive director;
 - 2. Three (3) members representing postsecondary education interests who shall be appointed by the Governor;
 - 3. One (1) member to be designated by the governing body of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation;
 - 4. One (1) member from an energy conservation organization who shall be appointed by the Governor;
 - 5. The secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet or the secretary's designee;
 - 6. One (1) member who shall be a recognized consumer advocate to be appointed by the Governor;
 - 7. Three (3) members to represent companies that are focused on renewable energy who shall be appointed by the Governor;
 - 8. One (1) member who shall represent environmental interests to be appointed by the Governor; and
 - 9. One (1) member who shall be selected to represent local government interests to be appointed by the Governor.
- (c) The members appointed by the Governor shall serve two (2) year terms and may be reappointed. The members representing specific agencies shall serve for as long as the respective agencies determine appropriate.
- (5) The board shall:
 - (a) Adopt operating procedures, including a meeting schedule;
 - (b) Meet at least quarterly;
 - (c) Select a chair and co-chair annually who may be reelected, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms;
 - (d) Establish working groups or subcommittees of the board as the board determines is needed;
 - (e) Establish qualifications and job descriptions, set the compensation and benefits, and employ staff as it determines necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this section; and
 - (f) Provide an annual program and financial report to the Legislative Research Commission within ninety (90) days of the close of each fiscal year.

Effective: July 15, 2008

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